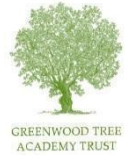




Frome Valley First School News Weekly



Welcome Back

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable week. In just 37 school days, the summer holidays will be starting! Until then, we have lots of exciting events in school including: Sports Day, Celebration Assembly and the school play. We hope that you can join us for some of these.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are the Stars of this week.

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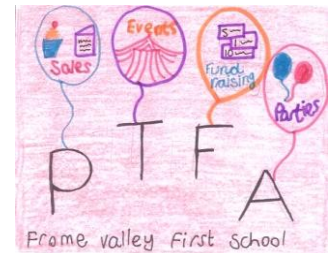
Reception: Seren
Year 1: Millie
Year 2: Harry
Year 3: Ettie
Year 4: Lilly



PTFA News

May Day thanks!

Thank you for your support at the May Day Celebrations by donating home bakes and buying refreshments. In total, we raised **£108**. A big thank you also goes to Liz Head (Harriet's mum in Year 1) who baked and donated such a wonderful cake weighing in at 4345g for the 'Guess the weight of the cake' competition!



Big Summer Raffle launch!

Everyone should've received two raffle ticket books per child before half-term. We hope you've been busy selling them over the holidays. Please put any unwanted books into the classroom drop off boxes to be resold and return your completed ticket stubs along with £1 per ticket to the school office. A full list of prizes has been emailed to you by the school office today. Please take a moment to read which parents and local businesses have been so generous.

All funds raised will be combined with money from the 'Pancake Flip Challenge' plus the 'Easter Beetle Drive' to pay for a new school sound system and piano. We hope you'll notice a big difference in audio quality at the July school performance of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. Thank you for supporting the biggest PTFA raffle of 2018!

Family barn dance tickets go on sale next week

On Friday 6 July, from 5pm to 8pm, the school hall will be transformed into the Wild West for a fun, themed family barn dance! Tickets go on sale next week: £4 per adult and £2 per child with under 3s free. Please bring along your whole family to enjoy a great night out whilst raising money for the school. Yee ha!

A desperate plea for hay bales!

To decorate the hall for the barn dance we really need to borrow some hay bales for the evening. Do you know a farmer or horse stable that might be able to help us out? Please speak to the school office.

GDPR

Thank you to everyone that has returned their photo and and video consent forms. Please can all outstanding forms be returned to the school office by the end of this week. Under GDPR regulations, we must have a returned consent form from every parent.

Piano Workshop at Frome Valley

On the afternoon of Friday the **15th of June**, Chris Hill (the piano teacher with DASP) will be hosting a piano workshop where children can come along and have a free 15 minute taster lesson.

If this is of interest to you, please contact him directly to book a time slot.

This is open to children in Years 1 – 4 as Chris also teaches at St Marys Middle School.

Email: chrispianohill@hotmail.com

After School Activities

Details of after school activities for this half term were sent home before the break. The only club that is currently full is cookery. If you would like your child to attend a trial session for any of the activities (except cooking), please speak to the staff in the office.

PSHCE - Healthy Schools - Monthly Focus

This month, the focus for whole school PSHCE is 'Financial Awareness'.

Children will be discussing this as part of their PSHCE curriculum and then follow on with a piece of homework linked to the subject.

Textile Recycling

Today, every child in school is bringing home a Bag2School carrier bag for everyone to fill for textile recycling. The more we collect in weight, the more funds we raise for school.



Accepted textiles include:

- **Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing**
- **Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)**
- **Handbags**
- **Hats**
- **Bags**
- **Scarves and ties**
- **Jewellery**
- **Belts**
- **Soft toys**
- **Household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers). Please note that these items are also acceptable – even though it says No on the bag!!**

We are accepting items in school **from Thursday 21st until 9am on Tuesday 26th June.**

If you would like another bag, please ask!

School Nurse Drop In

A reminder that Karen Caines, our school nurse is in next **Monday 11th June** for a drop in from 9am. If you would like to speak to her, please just wait by the office – appointments are not required.

School Play

Does anyone have any plain white t – shirts, any size, with no logo that we can use in the school play. Non-returnable – as they will be dyed! Thank you for your help.

DASP Music

Would you like your child to start learning an instrument in September?

Applications for lessons via DASP Music to start in September need to be in by **Friday 29th June**.

Lessons can be taken on a wide selection of instruments at each school (providing we have enough demand at each school). We are particularly keen to recruit more flute, clarinet, oboe, trumpet, trombone, French horn saxophone and cello players.

Taking formal lessons on an instrument or voice can not only improve a child's cognitive skills (with regards to numeracy and literacy), but can also help to develop their self-confidence, self-esteem and ability to self-motivate and persevere.

Click here to see a short video on the benefits of learning music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0JKCYZ8hng&feature=youtu.be>



COLOURSTRINGS MUSIC CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER

DASP Music is pleased to be able to offer general music classes for Reception 2 children. Classes will be taught by Jo Pires (BA hons Music; PGCE; Trinity College of Music, London).

Teaching is child-centred, building on each child's existing understanding. Children sing, listen & have fun in a warm & positive environment, barely aware of the enormous amount they are learning in a sensitive, stimulating, structured & above all enjoyable way.

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 45 mins between 3:45 – 5.30pm (exact time tbc depending on how many groups)

Venue: Damers First School

Classes will cost £40 per term (10 sessions).

To sign up, please visit <http://www.daspmusic.co.uk/colourstrings.html> or contact DASP Music on 01305 259721.

Application deadline for starting in September 2018 is **Friday 6th July**.

Moreton Church Flower Festival

Once again this year, we were delighted to have Gay Pussey helping us to create a display by the children for the flower festival. This year our display was based on 'The National Anthem'. Thank you Gay for all your help.

Nut Free School Lunches and Snacks

A reminder to everyone that we have a child in school who has a very severe nut allergy. Please ensure that all lunches and snacks do not contain nuts. Thank you for your help.

